

CONGRESSMAN OLVER ANNOUNCES \$125,000 COPS IN SCHOOLS GRANT FOR ORANGE

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WASHINGTON -- U.S. Rep. John Olver (D-First District) announced today that the U.S. Department of Justice has awarded a \$125,000 grant to the Orange Police Department for a community policing program in the town of Orange.

Congressman Olver wrote a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno advocating for full funding of the program.

“The Orange Police Department has identified two key problems involving youth and schools that require immediate attention,” Olver said.

The town of Orange, like many regions across the country, must address issues of domestic violence and child abuse.

Olver commented, “As school violence has become a national issue, I believe that the town of Orange is not alone in facing this problem.”

The grant will allow one full-time officer to be assigned to the local or regional school system to provide a liaison between the police and the schools.

Many police chiefs, sheriffs, and criminal justice experts have credited community policing efforts with reducing crime and improving public safety.

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